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WARM ENOUGH



Pat Dorsman BG News

THROW IT GOOD: Junior Kyle Hood takes advantage of the warm January day by playing a round of disc golf at the city park on Campbell Hill Road with some friends.

If you come, they won't build

Numbers at meeting on zoning a factor in killing parking lot plan

By Dan Myers
REPORTER

A lot where a historic house and several 100-year-old trees stood at the corner of North Church and West Court streets is now just a sandy, barren tract — still.

The plot was razed in August to make way for a new parking lot for the Wood County District Public Library, located across the street, but a rezoning request needed to be made before asphalt could be

laid down.

That rezoning request was withdrawn by the lot's owner, attorney Robert Maurer, according to documents available at the Wood County Courthouse.

The letter addressed to City Council, dated Nov. 29, requests a withdrawal on behalf of both Maurer and the library, saying, "we feel any further hearings would not be beneficial and/or productive."

It goes on to ask for a cancellation of a Dec. 5 Council hearing that would have considered the rezoning request.

Maurer was apparently

prompted to withdraw by the library itself.

According to a letter sent to the mayor's office from Scott McEwen, president of the library's board of trustees, the board requested the rezoning application be retracted because "this matter has become a source of controversy in our community."

Though the board wanted to stop pursuing the rezoning, it couldn't actually do so because only the landowner — Maurer — can make that request.

The city Planning Commission,

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Transfers less involved

Students who enter in middle of academic careers not as active

By Megan Schmidt
REPORTER

Cassandra Ianni was heavily involved with the College Democrats when she was a student at the University of Toledo, but she isn't a member of the BGSU chapter.

Ianni, a sophomore, attended UT her freshman year and transferred to the University last fall. Since becoming a student here, she hasn't yet made the effort to rejoin the organization.

Even though Ianni's main reason for changing schools was that she felt the University had more to offer than UT, she said being a transfer student makes it tough jumping into new classes, a new campus and new clubs and activities all at once.

Ianni said that if she had come to the University as a freshman instead of a sophomore, she would definitely be more involved.

"I'd be doing more than I am now," she said. "I'd probably be in a couple more clubs and my interests would probably be more spread out."

The National Survey of Student

Engagement annual report shows that when it comes to joining campus organizations and activities, many transfer students feel just like Ianni. The survey revealed that 35 percent of them participate in co-curricular activities, compared to 66 percent of non-transfer students. Transfer students were also less inclined to "believe the campus emphasizes attendance at campus events and activities."

Matt Barone, graduate assistant for Student Organization Services, said that those numbers sounded about accurate for the percent of transfer students involved in co-curricular clubs at the University — and there could be a few reasons for the trend.

"I think a lot of transfer students are intent on getting their degree finished," he said. "They focus on the classroom and completing their work and don't have as much time to join organizations on campus. They also don't seem to see as many opportunities for themselves coming in during their second or third year that some of the first-year students do."

Though Ianni lives on campus, many transfer students may feel excluded from campus life because, according to the NSSE study, they are more likely to

HERE AT BGSU

- Of the 722 transfer students accepted for the fall semester of 2005, 63 percent are commuters.
- Average age of a University transfer student is 23.
- The annual "Get Involved Fair" will be held in the Union Ballroom on Jan. 26.

NATIONAL SURVEY

Thirty-five percent of transfer students participated in activities, compared to 66 percent of non-transfers. Percentages at BGSU are said to be similar.

drive to campus.

Of the 772 transfer students the University accepted for the fall 2005 semester, 63 percent are commuters.

Transfer students are also more likely to be older than their peers — the average age of a transfer student at the University is 23 — and to have an off-campus job. Such factors could discourage them from spending more time on campus — and attending organization meetings and functions.

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State funding could go if gays forced on military

By Jacqueline Rabe
REPORTER

The Pentagon's policy on homosexuals in the military hasn't influenced BGSU to stop military recruitment efforts.

If the University were to discontinue recruitment, then federal and state funding could be at risk because the Solomon Amendment of 1994 imposes an end to most federal aid for state colleges that ban military recruiters, or deprives these recruiters the same access as any other recruiter.

So the question is, should colleges who refuse recruitment because they believe the Pentagon discriminates against gays lose federal funding?

Randall Fletcher, captain of field artillery in the University's ROTC program, said the University doesn't consider banning recruiters solely on the military's policy on homosexuality.

"If it is a private school they have a right to ban recruitment because of the military's homosexual policies," Fletcher said. "But BGSU being a state school, they don't have that right because they must comply with the regulations."

The current regulations forbid sodomy of any sort, whether consensual or by force. The Manual for Court-martial for United States defines sodomy as unnatural sexual intercourse with the same sex, with an animal or with a child. The maximum punishments for sodomy include imprisonment for life, forfeiture of pay and dishonorable discharge.

For those in the military who are homosexuals, sodomy is still considered illegal — even if it's consensual. To help protect homosexuals' right to be in the military, Bill Clinton adopted the DOD — "Don't ask, don't tell,

don't pursue" — policy in 1994.

Under this policy, homosexuals are permitted in the military as long as they don't violate rules against homosexual acts, and don't announce themselves as being gay.

"If they make it known then we have policies we must follow on what to do," Fletcher said. "It doesn't matter whether I agree or disagree with these policies, I'm just here to enforce these policies."

These policies are meant to protect the homosexual soldier as well, according to a August 1999 report from ARNews, a publication of the U.S. Army.

After Fort Campbell, Ky., Pfc. Barry Winchell — who was reportedly gay — was beaten to death by a baseball bat, the military increased training on the sodomy policy to soldiers, com-

RECRUITS, PAGE 2

Do re mi fa sizzo lizzal dizzo — hip hop violin coming to Kobacker Hall

By Cassandra Shofar
REPORTER

The delicate, fluid curves of a violin, the glide of rosin on its bow and the smooth sound of vibrating strings is often associated with classical music.

But three contemporary musicians know how to jam on those strings.

The musical trio "Time for Three," use their classical instruments to play anything from bluegrass and country/western to jazz, funk, and their own interpretations of Bach.

Playing tonight in Kobacker Hall of the Moore Musical Arts Center, the trio is part of the College of Musical Arts' Festival Series and Deborah Fleitz, director of public events at the College

of Musical Arts, is deeply excited to have them perform.

"I've heard great things about them...they are highly regarded in the music world" she said. "They play traditional instruments but not traditional music."

The trio includes violinists Zachary De Pue and Nicolas Kendall, and double bassist Ranaan Meyer.

Fleitz, who booked the group almost a year ago, believes that with the variety of music they play, the energy and enthusiasm they bring and with youthfulness on their side, this trio will appeal to a broad scope of people.

"They're all in their mid-20s," she said. "They can really relate to the average college student."

De Pue, a Bowling Green

native, took a few music lessons at the University, and his father taught Composition and Theory for 35 years at BGSU.

He's excited to have their group debut here on campus, and thinks he can relate to the students.

"[I like] seeing people that are almost the same age [as me], living their dreams, and not afraid to try to live them," De Pue said. "We're not much older and are just trying to use the tools we have to express ourselves, to open ourselves up."

"Time for Three" not only contributes three distinct personalities to their music, but three distinct sounds as well.

De Pue explained how he brings a blue grass Appalachian

sound to the music, that Meyer offers a jazz sound, and Kendall uses his percussion to emanate a bit of hip hop sound as well.

"[Kendall] picks up trash cans on the street and will just rock out," De Pue said with a laugh.

The Dave Matthews Band helped get past the stereotype associated with classical instruments, added De Pue.

"These instruments, a couple of years ago, were thought of as [just] classical instruments," he said. "The Dave Matthews Band opened a door."

The three musicians met at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where playing together for fun turned into play-



Photo Provided

TEAR INTO IT: (From left) Violinist Zachary De Pue, bassist Ranaan Meyer, and violinist Nick Kendall make up Time For Three.

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

SATURDAY



Snow

High: 33°
Low: 21°

SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy

High: 33°
Low: 28°

MONDAY



Showers

High: 41°
Low: 39°

TUESDAY



Rain

High: 46°
Low: 29°

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Eclectic group visits

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ing for an audience on tour.

"[Touring] was and still is a very organic process, it's word of mouth," De Pue said. "We play one gig at a time."

De Pue said that when they all met, slowly but surely, the three began to play more and more together.

"Then all of a sudden, we're playing with the Philadelphia Orchestra," he added.

Staying "young and fresh" and relating to their audience are two main goals of the trio, De Pue said.

"[We want], as much as possible, to connect with a vast amount of people," he said. "To connect on an emotional level of excitement."

And with a sound that's pegged

as "quite rare," 'Time for Three' is one of those special groups that's tough to place a label on, said manager Eric Amada.

"I usually tell my clients and friends that all they need to do is trust me and listen for themselves for five minutes ... 'Time For Three' has never failed to leave them awestruck," he said.

Amada, who met the trio in 2004 while going to see a new client at a concert in Philadelphia, also found the link between their instruments and music unique.

"Don't let their instruments fool you, 'Time for Three' isn't your parent's chamber music," Amada said. "[They] constantly keep their audiences enthralled by unveiling layers upon layers of their personalities and diverse musical interests."

Getting involved may just take initiative

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But Barone thinks that the lack of transfer students involved in organizations may rest on the fact that many clubs aren't focused enough on recruiting members year-round.

"The advice we give organizations is that they should continue recruiting throughout the year, not just in the fall," he said. "Organizations are more successful when they listen to that advice."

Barone also said that groups interested in increasing membership should recruit heavily at the beginning of the spring semester, because many transfer students arrive halfway through the academic year.

Jack Pence, vice president of the University Activities

Organization and director of recruitment, said UAO recruits members primarily in the fall.

"We generally are trying to reach out to hit the freshmen," he said.

Alex Fullenkamp, a member of UAO's board of directors, agreed that transfer students may miss out on the opportunity to join simply because of UAO's strategies.

"We go mostly to entry-level classes, 100-level classes to recruit, where there are mostly freshmen," he said.

But Pence and Fullenkamp both said UAO frequently plans events, and tries to expose the organization to all students.

"We hold open events, open houses. We invite people to the pub for events," Fullenkamp said. "We use different ways of

reaching different people, such as through listpros, but we mostly just publicize to the entire student body. We don't publicize to any particular group."

Barone said that the Office of Campus Involvement is planning its annual Get Involved fair in the Union Ballroom on Jan. 26, which he compared to a smaller-scale version of Campus Fest, held in the fall.

"It's a good opportunity to learn about different organizations and meet students halfway," he said.

Yet some transfer students find they don't need anyone to push them to join clubs and activities when they arrive to campus.

Lisa Graf, sophomore, transferred to the University from Owens Community College last fall and has since been involved

with USG, LSU and Vision.

"I just kind of stumbled upon them," Graf said of joining the organizations. "I didn't know anyone and I knew if I wanted to get to know people, I'd have to join things."

Graf said because Owens didn't offer many extracurricular activities, she was eager to become active in multiple organizations at BGSU, and doesn't think being a transfer student discouraged her involvement at all.

Barone agreed that no student, transfer or non-transfer, should feel afraid to get involved.

"It's important for students to realize that our office doors are always open, and that transfer students are welcome to stop by and offer ideas about what they think will work best for them," he said.

Council votes down lot

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which looks at all zoning issues before they reach City Council, held a public hearing November. The Maurer property was one of the issues discussed.

John Zanfardino, Ward 2 City Council representative, said about 70 people went to the hearing held at the community center.

At that hearing, the Planning Commission unanimously decided not to recommend passage of the rezoning to City Council.

"They spoke of it not being consistent with the master plan, but they really didn't elaborate," Zanfardino said.

"The community was just shocked because they woke up to the sound of bulldozers," he said.

Ken Taylor, senior planner for the city, said yesterday he's seen no new plans to rezone the property.

Meanwhile, the lot remains unused and barren, aside from a pair of outdated signs. Neither Maurer nor McEwen were available for comment at press time.

Military's sodomy policy debated

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manders and supervisors.

While Fletcher understands the military's policies, he said he's never known of a consensual homosexual case being Court-martialed.

But some argue the result of "don't ask, don't tell" is discrimination.

The fact that soldiers can't come out with their sexual preference is unfair, said Marnie

Pratt, a graduate assistant in the women studies department.

"This keeps people closeted so they won't be dishonorably discharged," she said.

And the fact that sodomy is illegal in the military is ridiculous, according to Phil Terrie, professor of American culture studies.

"The army shouldn't be telling people what to do with their sex lives," he said. "There's evidence that the Roman army engaged in homosexual acts but no one cared, and they still managed to

take over the known world."

While the military does have a sodomy policy, Ohio doesn't. Rodney Fleming, an attorney for Student Legal Services, said that while other states might have laws against sodomy they aren't commonly enforced, and he's never heard of a case where two consenting adults were convicted on sodomy charges.

"It seems if a law did exist banning sodomy it would be an invasion of privacy which is a constitutional right," Fleming said.

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CORRECTIONS

Errors found in Wednesday stories

In Wednesday's issue of The BG News, Angela Nelson, chair of the pop culture department, was incorrectly referred to as "Angela Motz," in the article "Oh my God, they're educational." The issue also included an incorrect address of the Bowling Green Convention and Visitors Bureau office, located at 119 E. Court St.



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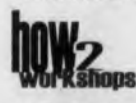
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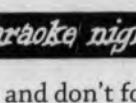
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January 18th - Wednesdays in the Pub: Live musician Francisco Rojas @ 8 pm



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College degree not essential

Cambridge group reveals promising career opportunities

By Banks Albach
KRT

WASHINGTON — Some jobs pay living wages, are in fast-growing fields, have lots of openings and don't require bachelor's degrees.

Most of them aren't glamorous, but they won't be offshored anytime soon.

"A lot of these industries are having difficulty finding reliable workers with the skills they require," agency official Jerry Rubin said.

His group winnowed Bureau of Labor Statistics data for 725 job categories to find the best shots.

Its report, "The Right Jobs," profiles these winners:

■ Registered nurse. Income range: \$40,100 to \$57,500. Projected annual openings: 110,119. Education: associate degree in nursing.

■ Licensed practical nurse/licensed vocational nurse.

Income range: \$26,400 to \$37,000. Projected annual openings: 29,480. Education: 11th-grade

math and reading required for admission to a 12-month academic training program.

■ Customer-service representative.

Income range: \$20,960 to \$33,540. Projected openings: 74,137. Education: high school or college plus training provided by employers.

Communication skills matter.

■ Car/truck mechanic.

Income projected: Car, \$22,080 to \$41,270; truck, \$27,310 to \$42,730. Projected annual openings: auto, 31,887; truck, 10,655. Education: high school.

Training for those without high school auto-shop experience lasts six months to two years and costs \$3,000 to \$24,000.

■ Computer support specialist. Includes help-desk support, personal-computer technician, network administrator and Web site development and maintenance.

Income range: \$29,760 to \$51,680. Projected openings: 21,579. Education: Entry-level jobs are available without much formal training, but vocational-school certifications and degrees help win promotions.

Note: Network administrators are paid the best. Help-desk support jobs are the easiest to land.

■ Building trades. (Carpenter, electrician, plumber.)

Income range: Carpenter, \$26,180 to \$45,560; electrician, \$31,100 to \$55,120; plumber, \$30,540 to \$53,820. Projected annual openings:

carpenter, 31,917; electrician, 28,485; plumber, 20,511. Education: high school. Preapprentice training lasts 12 weeks; apprenticeship, three to four years.

Note: Wages are 50 percent higher in unionized jobs, but they're tougher to get. A criminal record may be tolerated.

■ Commercial driver. (Heavy trucks or buses.)

Income range: Truck, \$26,020 to \$41,610; bus, \$21,870 to \$39,510. Projected annual openings: truck, 62,517; bus, 25,000. Education: high school. Training programs usually run six to 12 months. Federal law requires interstate truckers to be 21 or older.

Note: New federal regulations that limit daily driving time are expected to yield 60,000 new jobs.

Many high schools and colleges aren't training for these high-growth fields, according to Rubin. Until then, community colleges will fill most of the gaps. "They are a tremendous

"A lot of these industries are having difficulty finding reliable workers with the skills they require."

JERRY RUBIN,
AGENCY OFFICIAL

BG NEWS BRIEFING

MyBGSU updates

MyBGSU's navigation and layout will be updated on Monday.

All services and features will remain available but may appear in a different location.

The improvements to the portal include:

■ The MyCourses portlet will appear on the Welcome page. Blackboard will be directly on the Welcome page, and the MyCourses tab will be removed.

■ The Welcome page will now have two columns and no banner.

■ The Campus Updates, Campus Events and Current Weather portlets will be on the bottom of the Welcome page.

■ The MyServices portlet will move from the right to the left column.

■ Global navigation at the top will include links to Blackboard and Feedback.

■ The screen resolution will be optimized.

MyBGSU to have a new look

As of Jan. 16

all MyBGSU services and features will remain available; however, they may appear in a different location.

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MyBGSU

• The Blackboard portlet will appear on the Welcome page. The MyCourses tab will be removed since Blackboard will be directly on the Welcome page.

• The MyServices portlet will move from the right to the left column.

Additional modifications to the portal include:

- The Welcome page will have two instead of three columns and no banner to reduce visual clutter.
- Every portlet is customizable and removable by each user—except MyServices.
- Global navigation will include links to Blackboard and Feedback.
- The screen resolution will be optimized for 1024 x 768 pixels.
- Campus Update, Campus Events and Current Weather portlets will appear at the bottom of the Welcome page.

Further previews of the revised layout are available at:

www.bgsu.edu/offices/cio/webdev/page12663.html

Any questions or comments may be directed to webdev@bgsu.edu

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QUOTE/UNQUOTE

"Many people will leave this hearing with a question as to whether or not you could be the deciding vote that would eliminate the legality of abortion."

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill. to Judge Alito
(washingtonpost.com)

STAFF EDITORIAL

Transfer students lost in crowd

Campus Fest is the biggest event that draws new members to the over 300 registered organizations on campus.

They wage a virtual war of gimmicks and advertisements to get their name out at the beginning of the year.

They target wide-eyed freshman who are trying to find their niche in the University environment.

Freshman are then forced to sift through the many brochures they accumulated from

YOU DECIDE

How easy was it for you to get involved on campus? Send an E-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.

Campus Fest and decide which organizations to join.

The initial rush for new members eventually dies down. Eventually, many organi-

zations duck back into obscurity — until they resurface for Campus Fest.

What happens if you're looking for an organization to join mid-year?

What if you're a transfer student? Transfer students encounter more obstacles than the typical dorm-dwelling freshman.

They might find it hard to enter into an already established group of friends.

Adding to the stresses of being a transfer student — according

to the National Survey of Student Engagement BG accepted 772 transfer students for fall semester — 63 percent of this population commute to campus.

As commuters, transfer students are further distanced from the University population.

The Office of Campus Involvement should recognize and repair this gap in engagement.

Increasing transfer student involvement would have many benefits.

Campus involvement is an essential part of college, and it's an important part in finding a career.

Students and the University can both benefit from increased transfer student involvement on campus.

The more persuasive argument is that the University can gain monetarily from keeping transfer students on campus longer.

Meetings would keep transfer students on campus longer,

forcing them to spend more money on campus and around the community.

Instead of going home for dinner, a transfer student hanging around campus for a meeting might eat on campus or fuel local small businesses with purchases in town.

Both parties can win after they recognize the problem — so why doesn't the Office of Campus Involvement invest the necessary time and energy to solve this dilemma?

Democrats fire blanks at Alito



ALAN
CALCATERRA

Opinion Columnist

Democrats are at it again, and this time it's Judge Samuel Alito's confirmation hearings.

You may have seen some of the hearings on the news since this has been the biggest story all week with non-stop coverage of it.

Alito is a Supreme Court nominee working at trying to get the justice spot that has been held by Sandra Day O'Connor. Democrats are worried because O'Connor was a swing vote and are afraid of losing it to a conservative.

I believe, like many others, that Alito is being harshly criticized by Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee because of the simple fact he is a conservative.

You have the usual characters like Ted Kennedy, Joseph Biden and Richard Durbin who try to make him look like a racist and sexist. I know that these Democrats aren't being opened minded and have already decided to vote no on whomever the president nominates.

They are just trying to find a reason why.

There is no doubt that Alito is qualified for the position.

In fact, he has more judicial experience than any previous nominee to the court. Alito received his bachelor's degree

at Princeton and went to law school at Yale. Alito was also a member of the ROTC program at Princeton until it was removed.

He has a 15-year record as a judge on the federal appeals court. In those 15 years he has decided 4,000 cases and has written 350 opinions.

Democrats know that he is extremely qualified and that's why they are attacking his character.

Alito has also answered about 98 percent of his questions after the Tuesday hearing.

If you still think that he is not qualified, then think again.

Sen. Kennedy has been up to his usual absurdity in claiming that Judge Alito was a member of a racist and sexist organization.

The group in question, Concerned Alumni of Princeton (CAP), was formed to protest the removal of the ROTC program at Princeton.

In a letter that Senator Kennedy wrote to Arlen Specter he states, "The organization (CAP) was described in the press at the time and

in its own literature as opposed to the increasing number of women, African Americans and Hispanics at the university (Princeton)."

The funny thing is CAP has had presidents like Laura Ingraham (who is a woman, obviously) and Dinesh D'Souza (who is African-American), which proves that Kennedy is just making cheap shots at Alito, and is not saying anything factual about the group. Kennedy is doing what he does best, ranting and going crazy over docu-

ments that supposedly linked Alito to CAP.

Alito, in response to Kennedy's rants, said "If I had been involved actively in any way in the group, I'm sure that I would remember."

The New York Times (not exactly a friend to conservatives) looked at these documents and concluded that they had nothing to do with Alito.

Another big issue Democrats are attacking Alito on is Roe v. Wade. Richard Durbin accuses Alito of having "a mind that sadly is closed in some instances."

The truth is Alito has said many times that he will rule by the constitution and not by his own agenda but that wasn't enough for the Dems, who repeatedly kept asking about the case expecting an exact yes or no answer that they knew Alito couldn't give.

This shows how Democrats just instantly go by there party agenda and are not open minded towards Alito and dislike him because he is a conservative. If Alito was a liberal then Senators Biden, Kennedy and Durbin wouldn't be complaining and vote for him in a heartbeat.

Democrats want to run the country the way they want and don't want to compromise even though they're the minority party.

I believe that Alito will make it through this ordeal and become a Supreme Court justice, and if he does this will make the Democrats look more like idiots, which is the way they're acting now through slandering and smear campaigns.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What did you do to enjoy the nice day yesterday?



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Veil of partisanship obscures security

Good news, everyone, "We killed the PATRIOT Act!" Who would say such a thoughtless, ridiculous thing?

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, of course. I know you had it narrowed down to Reid, Nancy Pelosi, Michael Moore or Harry Belafonte.

Don't we elect those figures on Capitol Hill to make sure we are represented to the fullest?

Harry Reid was not doing his job — representing his constituents and their safety.

Immediately after September 11, this country seemed to understand why it was so important to take certain measures to protect our safety.

The PATRIOT Act, established as a tool to help law enforcement agencies keep us safe, passed in congress with strong bipartisan support.

The events of September 11 were life-altering for Americans, who previously thought we were invincible. Out of the tragedy, we took on an attitude of "We'll be damned if you'll ever do that to us again."

So what happened to that attitude? Partisan politics, that's what happened.

To some degree, it is impossible not to be affected by the omnipotence of partisanship — but when it comes to an issue as important as national security, we still can't pull together and see past the superficial veil of politics?

The Senate originally voted for a six-month extension, but later approved a February third extension date.

More recently, the National Security Agency "eaves-dropping scandal" has provided yet another opportunity for Democrats to accuse Republicans of wrongdoing.

In America, we are blessed with liberalism, which reeks of indifference for homeland security and an uncanny friendliness toward our nation's enemies that has historically superseded their desire for our safety.

The Bush administration has not received nearly enough credit for keeping this country free of terrorist attacks in the post 9/11 era.

Instead it receives the brunt of attacks for doing too much — such as robbing "innocent Americans" of their "civil liberties."

Most Americans have no clue about the programs designed to protect them. They are told the government is tapping their phone, and many believe it, becoming completely incensed.



DANIELLE
WINTERS

Opinion Columnist

They think that the PATRIOT Act means the FBI can perform stakeouts on front lawns, arbitrarily tap phones, and implement other types of spy programs.

Be careful — even if you're a "normal" American, there's a chance your library records are routinely checked to make sure you don't read too many Harlequin romances!

Despite what the agenda-laden left may tell you, the FBI and the NSA only care about the guy down the street who is on a first name basis with Osama bin Laden.

That's whose "civil liberties" are being supposedly "stripped" — and the left in this country is heartbroken about it, as they frequently are when enemies of the U.S. receive "unfair" treatment.

Many of our worst enemies live right here in our own country.

They despise our superiority as a nation and yearn for the U.S. to be on the same level as the world's lowest common denominator.

Maybe that will satisfy those who think the measures we take to protect our nation are too extreme, and fight them every step of the way.

The question we have to ask ourselves is: Do we want to risk being attacked again, or do we mind giving up some of the "civil liberties" that, in actuality, aren't even being taken away from "normal" law abiding Americans?

Opponents of the PATRIOT Act have a major problem with "Sneak and Peek" warrants, which allow law enforcement to conduct a search without notifying the target for 30 days.

Alright, let's notify them first. We don't owe a suspected terrorist the chance to clear all evidence of terrorist activities.

The bottom line is that no matter how hard the left may try to convince you otherwise, we are at war.

We are up against an enemy that couldn't care less about the Geneva Convention rules and who would, given the opportunity, kill millions of Americans as quickly as they would spit on a sidewalk. It is time for us to wake up to that reality, unite for a long, hard fight and reject the petty left-wing politics.

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Incumbancy contributes to Washington's corruption

RUSS
ZIMMER

Guest Columnist

Every time I read a DJ Johnson column, I feel my warm heart get a little colder. Then I realize the glaring inconsistencies and the shallowness of his arguments and take solace in knowing people can see right through them.

First, never quote Ann Coulter, especially when you are writing a column on the evils of partisanship.

My personal favorite Coulter quote (on Muslims): "We should invade their countries, kill their leaders and convert them to Christianity."

She is not a journalist, nor a reliable source.

Coulter preys upon anger, most often misplaced anger. Her thoughts are her own and most are wrong, morally and factually.

Johnson refers to the failure of the Republican Congress to impeach Clinton as the "saddest day in Congress' history."

I would argue when Congress appropriated funds in excess of \$100 million dollars to find

out whether our president got oral sex — while working families can't provide health care for their children, who are probably in sub par schools — was far more embarrassing.

While I agree wholeheartedly with Johnson's views on how partisanship has had a negative affect on the Samuel Alito confirmation hearings, I disagree with his logic.

He chides both Democrats and Republicans for voting down party lines on judicial appointments. Politicians are "forced to vote a certain way

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Grabbing education by the horns and more



DAVID
BAXTER

Opinion Columnist

If someone would have told me that I'd still be in college nearly a decade after I'd begun I would have laughed straight in their face.

No way. Not me. That's for sure. Well, that's exactly where I am — once again — going to a new school.

Being back in the college atmosphere, a few things have become apparent.

For starters, we're all in a large intellectual community that thrives, derives, and depends upon conversation.

So why are so many people wandering around inside of their own little invisibox?

You all know it. It's that little invisible shield that you see people wearing that marks off the territory of their very own air.

I'm sure that at some point I was, but you know, maybe it was traveling around living out of my van for that wild crazy year that prompted me to be a little more forward.

Not that everyone has to go through such an experience to come out of their shell, but living homeless makes you realize that this little marble we're all rolling around in called Earth belongs to all of us.

It is our one big home, and to be honest, since you're a human and I'm a human we already have enough in common to have some form of conversation, even if you're

blind and I become momentarily deaf.

So as I stroll along campus, I'm that dude that strikes up a conversation with you just because we're walking next to each other. It's been a bit of a shock to me to watch how people react.

You know, we're all in this together — I have so many better things to do with my time than worry about being shy and living forever in the land of 'what if'?

I'm guessing you do too.

It's my aspiration that everyone that reads this goes out and talks to at least five people today, tomorrow, and the next day, that they don't know.

Say hi to that stranger.

So that adage about never talking to strangers should have been long thrown out the window.

But beyond all that, it's the classroom environment that needs it the most.

The beauty of college is that we grasp our own education by the horns and take charge of it.

Active participation means that you really are present for class.

Showing up just to sit there and take notes is a disappointment to everyone that has ever invested and fought for the freedom of education.

Yep, the freedom of education. It's a pretty amazing thing, and here in our country it's usually

not a free thing.

So, when I'm sitting in class, yeah, I'm going to talk. I'm going to state my mind, so that I can look at it differently.

I'm going to wonder what everyone else is thinking.

A class is a conversation, not a lecture. I'm well aware that we all get really tired and bored of a class where you show up just to have the prof read the book to you.

Thankfully, I personally haven't encountered any professors like that here.

But I realize they are out there, and I guess it's our responsibility to steer them away from this form of mentoring by actually discussing course material.

If you come to class prepared then you are exactly that: Prepared.

"We have a responsibility to demand more for ourselves — for our own time."

Don't get me wrong, socializing and networking are one of the major points to being college.

However, there is also the responsibility of excelling beyond what we ever thought capable.

Where could there be such a promising, fertile environment such as the one that we have here?

College isn't suppose to be about taking the easy road out and getting a piece of paper that entitles you to a career.

You might end up in a profession where you sit through your nine-to-five numbly clicking away the minutes of a life.

We have a responsibility to demand more for ourselves — for our own time.

So when I'm strolling around campus and I look around and see all of my fellow students I can't help but fantasize that we are all equally intellectually, politically involved active participants in this thing that we consider life.

Yep, that's me. I'll probably stop and say hi.

Coulter spreads lies

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in an effort to get re-elected in office," Johnson said.

He asserts this is because the party will ostracize the maverick politician but I would argue it has more to do with funding from contributors.

It's evident with the Abramoff scandal that money from the shadiest amongst us, at least in part, drives politics.

Prominent Democrats, like Senators Harry Reid and John Kerry, are on that list as well as Republicans, including nice-guy John McCain, who accepted \$10,000 before he began the investigation into the scandal.

It's people like Johnson who, despite what he wrote above on partisanship, went on to say "I identify myself as an avid Republican," or people who identify themselves as Democrats that allow this corruption to continue.

The incumbency rate is dangerously close to 99 per-

cent, meaning we don't fire anybody.

Hell, Tom Delay is still in a "safe seat" as is Congressman Bob Ney (R-OH), the main figure in the Abramoff scandal. Why is that?

Johnson, who has said in the past he stands for equal rights for all people will most likely find himself voting for Attorney General Jim Petro in next year's gubernatorial race.

Thanks to C-SPAN, I have been able to see much of the Alito hearings. I see Republicans praising Alito, rarely asking questions they don't know the answer to — the whole purpose of the proceedings — and Democrats ignoring issues of taxation and Executive power.

The difference between DJ and myself is when I see these things I'm proud to be an independent while he prepares to write another hypocritical column, one where he will inevitably attack liberals.

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Ritual pilgrimage ends in death

Hundreds of people killed in stampede during yearly stoning

By Salah Nasrawi
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINA, Saudi Arabia — Muslim pilgrims tripped over luggage while hurrying to ritually stone the devil yesterday, causing a crush that trampled at least 345 people to death in the latest stampede to mar Islam's annual hajj.

Saudi authorities have sought for years to ease the flow of increasingly mammoth crowds, but the tragedy underlined the difficulty in managing one of the biggest religious events in the world, which this time drew more than 2.5 million pilgrims.

The deaths on the final day of stoning came a week after another hajj disaster — the Jan. 5 collapse of a building being used as a pilgrims' hotel that killed 76 people in Mecca.

In the stoning ritual, all the pilgrims must pass a series of three "pillars" called al-Jamarat, which represent the devil and which the faithful pelt with stones to purge themselves of sin.

The site in the desert of Mina outside the holy city of Mecca is a notorious bottleneck in the weeklong pilgrimage and has seen deadly incidents in seven of the past 17 years, including a stampede in 1990 that killed 1,426 people and one in 2004 that killed 244.

"I heard screaming and ... saw people jumping over each other," said Suad Abu Hamada, an Egyptian pilgrim. "Police starting pulling out bodies. The bodies were piled up. I couldn't count them, they were too many."

Bodies covered in white sheets lined the pavement near the ramp where the stampede occurred, and emergency workers rushed the injured away on stretchers. Police cleared part of the site, but thousands of pilgrims continued the stoning ritual.

The Interior Ministry put the death toll at 345, and the Health Ministry said 289 people were injured. State-run Al-Ekhabriyah

television said most of the victims were from South Asia.

After the 2004 stampede, Saudi officials widened ramps leading to a platform the width of an eight-lane highway where the three pillars are located and created more emergency exits to accommodate the crowds.

Each of the small, round pillars also were replaced with 85-foot-long walls to allow more people to stone them at once without jostling each other. The walls were extended through the bottom of the platform so more pilgrims can carry out the stoning from below.

Yesterday's stampede occurred below the platform. In theory, the crowds are supposed to enter the platform using two of the ramps and exit down the other two, but pilgrims often ignore the rules.

Thousands of pilgrims were rushing to complete the last of the three days of the stoning ritual before sunset when some of them began to trip over dropped baggage, causing a large pileup, said Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki, spokesman for the Interior Ministry.

Many pilgrims carry personal belongings — tents, clothes and bags of food — as they move between the various stages of the hajj.

"This was fate destined by God," al-Turki said. "Some of the pilgrims were undisciplined and hasty to finish the ritual as soon as possible."

Mina General Hospital, a small facility near the al-Jamarat site, was filled with injured, and some victims had to be sent to hospitals in Mecca and Riyadh, Dr. Ismail Abdul-Zaher said.

Many pilgrims expressed frustration over the repeated disasters at al-Jamarat.

"This should not happen every year. It should be stopped, it's a scandal. There must be a way to organize this better," said Anwar Sadiqi, a pilgrim from Pakistan.

Ensuring a smooth pilgrimage is a key concern for Saudi Arabia's royal family, which bolsters its legitimacy by touting its role as the "custodian of the holy cities" of Mecca and Medina, where Islam's 7th century prophet Muhammad was born and lived.



THE GATHERING MASSES: Muslim pilgrims gather to throw their last 21 stones before the stampede in Mina, Saudi Arabia yesterday. The pilgrims tripped over dropped baggage as they rushed to carry out a stoning ritual in the hajj causing the latest stampede to mar the annual event.

Crown Prince Sultan Bin Abdel Aziz told reporters the kingdom had "spared no effort" to avoid such disasters but, he added, "it cannot stop what God has preordained. It is impossible."

"We feel pain and sorrow for them and for their families and we send our condolences," the prince said on Al-Ekhabriyah television.

The hajj is a complex balance of safety with Islam's requirements that every able-bodied Muslim should perform the pilgrimage at least once. Saudi Arabia sets a quota of participants, allowing every nation to send 1,000 pilgrims for every 1 million in population.

The three-day stoning ritual in particular is a nightmarish problem in crowd dynamics.

Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims must move up the ramps onto the platform, maneuver from pillar to pillar and hit each with seven stones, then exit.

Many of the pilgrims are in a rush because of the time constraints on the ritual and their anxiety about past stampedes.

Traditionally, stoning was carried out from midday to sunset.

Shiite Muslim clerics have issued edicts allowing pilgrims to do the stoning in the morning, and some Sunni clerics have followed suit in an attempt to space out the crowds. But some clerics following Saudi Arabia's strict Wahhabi interpretation of Islam urge the faithful to stick to the midday start.

About 60,000 Saudi police and soldiers patrolled the Mina plain once the stoning ritual began Tuesday to direct pilgrims. Helicopters flew overhead, and authorities monitored the pilgrims from a control room through closed-circuit TV.

But some people complained that police did little to help.

"They look indifferent. They don't carry out their duties seriously," Iftikhar Hussein, an Iraqi pilgrim, said. "This looks like a garage rather than a holy site."

"If hajj is a duty for every able-bodied Muslim, it should be a duty for the government" to ensure it is safe, she added.



ORGANIZED CHAOS: Saudi security officials and rescue workers gather amongst some of the bodies of victims of the stampede. At least 345 people were killed and hundreds injured, despite attempts to prevent stampedes that have plagued the event.

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Student goes to Hollywood

University student edits film that won award in Hollywood

By Nick Carrabine
REPORTER

Mantis and Moon, an independent film company in Delta, Ohio, had its first full-length film, "Out of the Shadows," accepted to the Hollywood DV Festival last month.

It was screened on Dec. 10 at the Raleigh Studios in Hollywood

California and won the award for Best Drama/Feature.

What is even more impressive is that the movie was edited by the University's own, Will Graver.

Graver, a senior visual communication technology major, transferred to Bowling Green in 2004 and was introduced to Cap Averill II, the creator and owner of Mantis and Moon.

"I met with Cap with the intent to simply ask about their video productions," Graver said. "I



"Basically, I am willing to be a part of every aspect of the movie making process in order to best familiarize myself with the industry."

WILL GRAVER, SENIOR

ended up getting my first Co-op with Mantis and Moon and have worked with Cap since then."

Editing is not the only thing that Graver has been concen-

trating on at Mantis and Moon productions; he has also assisted on the shooting and editing of local concerts and commercials. The intern is also the main

organizer for the film festival submission process.

For Mantis and Moon's next full-length feature—which will begin shooting later this spring—Graver has been slated to co-direct and edit the film.

"Basically I am willing to be a part of every aspect of the movie making process in order to best familiarize myself with the industry," he said.

As for now, Graver and Mantis and Moon have been fully committed to making sure that Out

of the Shadows can be seen by as many people as possible. So far, the movie has been submitted to about 30 different film festivals across the country and they are planning to submit the movie to 100 more festivals in 2006.

"Out of the Shadows" focuses on two friends and how they both deal with their failing marriages. The two characters deal with their new lives in

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New film gets 'Hostel' review



JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM
Movie/Film Critic

The creators of "Cabin Fever" return to give us the first truly twisted horror film of the year in Eli Roth's new film "Hostel," but unfortunately, it doesn't manage to do much else other than make us squirm.

This doesn't mean that "Hostel" is a bad movie; it just fails to reach its full potential. While it could be one of the most disturbing films ever made, it just winds up being another mediocre horror film.

The problem this film has is the lack of a solid plot. What plot-line there is for this movie serves only to advance the characters, as well as the audience, to the few torture scenes scattered throughout the film.

The little plot there is has a group of backpackers traveling through Europe who wind up getting tortured for the enjoyment of rich businessmen.

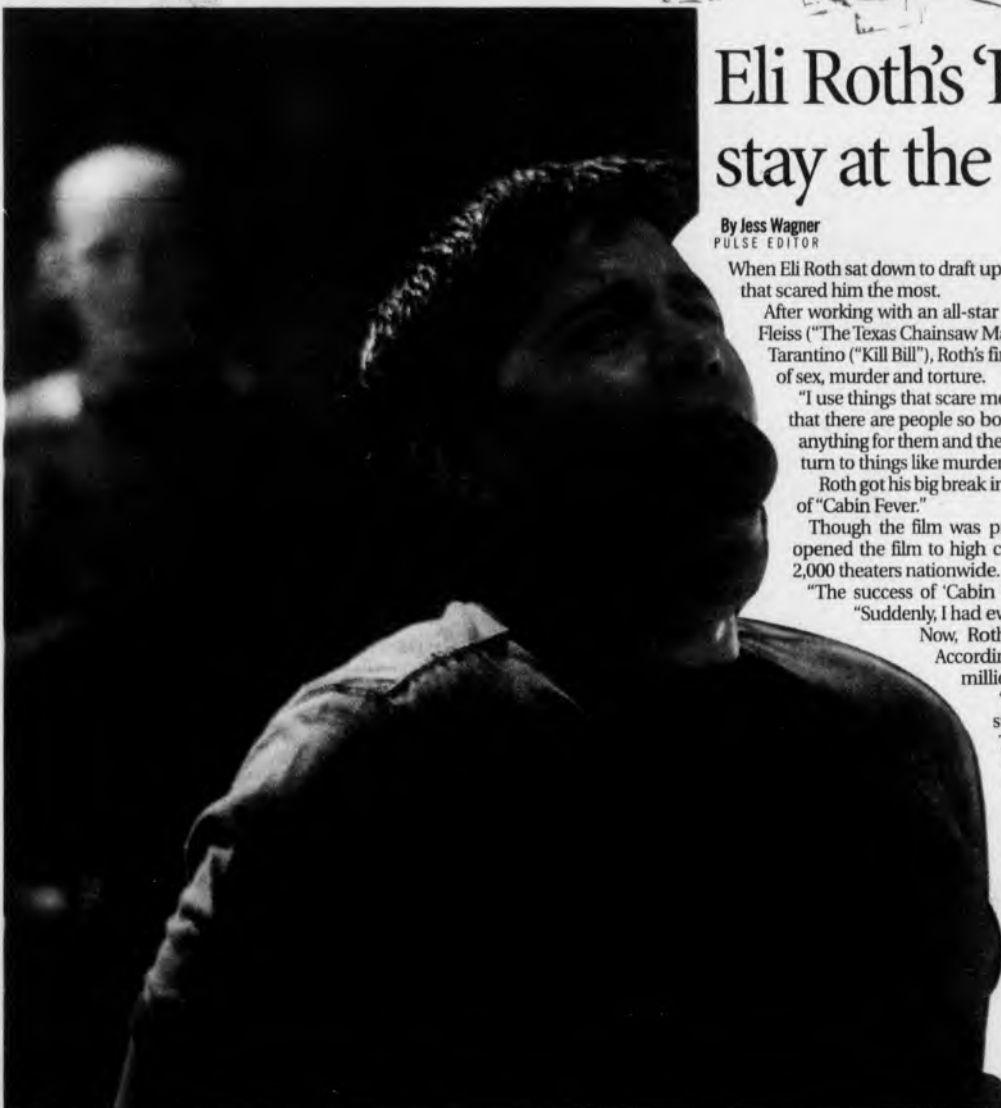
With a running time of only an hour and a half, the film is unable to go into any real details about the characters or the people who have captured them.

While the plot of "Hostel" is a major falling point of the movie, the disturbing nature of the torture scenes and the terrified acting from the fairly inexperienced cast (this is the first major film for a large majority of the cast) does help to salvage the film from being a total flop.

All of the violence in "Hostel" is extreme and pulls few punches for the audiences, and it makes for one of the most disturbing American-made films in a long time.

While "Hostel" is far from perfect, it does offer some mild enjoyment and shows a lot of potential for horror films to go in a new and more twisted direction than we have seen recently.

SEX, TORTURE MURDER



Eli Roth's 'Hostel' not a stay at the Holiday Inn

By Jess Wagner
PULSE EDITOR

When Eli Roth sat down to draft up his next big horror film, he drew from the things that scared him the most.

After working with an all-star cast of directors and producers including Mike Fleiss ("The Texas Chainsaw Massacre"), Chris Briggs ("Godsend") and Quentin Tarantino ("Kill Bill"), Roth's final project, "Hostel," is an all-encompassing film of sex, murder and torture.

"I use things that scare me," Roth said. "It's definitely a real thing out there that there are people so bored that hookers, drugs and strip clubs don't do anything for them and they are so numb that nothing excites them, so they turn to things like murder. That scares me."

Roth got his big break in 2002 at the Toronto Film Festival with the debut of "Cabin Fever."

Though the film was produced on a mere \$1.5 million budget, Roth opened the film to high commercial success, as it opened in more than 2,000 theaters nationwide.

"The success of 'Cabin Fever' opened every door for me," Roth said. "Suddenly, I had every opportunity in the world."

Now, Roth is seeing even more success with "Hostel." According to bloomberg.com, "Hostel" raked in \$20.1 million last weekend.

"Nobody makes anything to fail; you make it to succeed," Roth said. "And the fact that Quentin Tarantino was involved, that's a victory. Most movies take 5 years to make, but I did everything in a 12-month period."

Roth's background in film has helped him to produce a low-budget film in a short period of time. After graduating from New York University's film program, Roth bounced around from film to film before settling in to film production for about 10 years.

"I think you're born with it," Roth said of his interest in the arts. "My mother is an artist, but my father is a doctor. I think I just have that blood and that gene in my body. I've always been fascinated with films."

Whether it's his genes or his training that

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Stand-up comedian brings laughter to the clubs of Cleveland

Keith Alberstadt entertains troops in Iraq and Cleveland

By Mike Robinson
REPORTER

At the mercy of hecklers and rude audiences, young comedians all over the country try to jump start their stand-up comedy careers in college.

"Sometimes I look back on those experiences and wonder how I made it through," comedian Keith Alberstadt said. "It was brutal."

Alberstadt first began performing in college when local venues would offer an "open

mic" set.

He always enjoyed making people laugh, so he decided to give stand-up a shot.

After college, Alberstadt took a job in sales, but later came to realize that only stand-up comedy could make him happy.

He decided to quit his job and dive into comedy headfirst in 2001.

"Once I quit my job, it was like a faucet turned on," Alberstadt said of trying to write material.

Since he began performing comedy full time, Alberstadt has performed for the troops in Iraq and traveled to comedy clubs all over the United States.

This weekend, Alberstadt will be performing at Hilarities—a comedy club in Cleveland.

"I love comedy clubs, but it's kind of like walking a tight rope—you can't fake it," he said.

For Alberstadt, the key to good stand-up comedy is originality. He said it's "unnerving" when unoriginal jokes and premises still get laughs.

"The thing about comedy that I love is that there isn't a formula," he said.

Alberstadt gets to travel the world as his own boss, which is something that he enjoys very much.

Many stand-up comedians

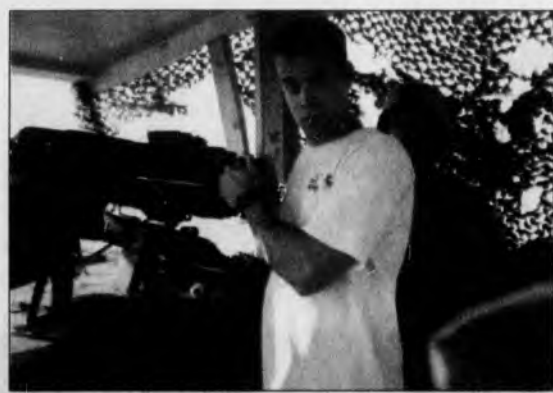
view their career as just a launching pad to television or film.

Other comedians view stand-up comedy as a career into itself. They don't view it as a launching pad to superstardom, but as a satisfying career.

Alberstadt seems perfectly content with being a full-time, stand-up comic, but says that he has some aspirations for the future.

Although he has aspirations, Alberstadt is focused on his present situation, traveling and performing for an audience.

"Simply, I just want to make people laugh doing a career in stand-up," he said.



JUST JOKING: Keith Alberstadt, comedian, poses with a soldier in Iraq.

CHECKING YOUR
VITALS

This week, the Pulse checks the vitals of Jason Labovitz, a sophomore majoring in architecture and environmental design.

Name something that everyone should know about you. My nose is crooked, and I'm colorblind.

What's your biggest pet peeve? People that try to argue about something that they have no idea what they are talking about, and people that don't have common sense.

What's your motto that you live by? It's never fun unless you make it [fun].

What is your definition of a leader? Someone that you look up to that has positive qualities like trustworthiness and honesty.

Do you consider yourself to be a leader on campus, and why? Yes, because I'm an RA and a positive role model that tries my best to follow the rules.

First of all, why did you want to become a Resident Advisor? Because of the RA that I had last year. He was really inspiring. I also did it because it helps paying with the tuition fees.

What sacrifices have you had to make during your time being an RA? I have a lot less free time and time to enjoy for myself. I also don't really get to sleep that much, but in reality that doesn't really matter.

What has been your most rewarding experience so far? I guess I'd say inspiring other



JASON LABOVITZ,
SOPHOMORE

people to be RAs, and helping people with their school work.

Name one downside that you have dealt with. Having to choose between the job and friends.

What's the strangest thing that you've come across or witnessed in your dorm? A student throwing flour all over another student while they were asleep.

Is it hard to switch between playing the roles of being friends with your residents as well as being disciplinary supervisors? Yeah, it is because when you choose to do something with your friends you sometimes feel guilty. It's easy being friends and hanging out with them, and we'll joke around about stuff, but you have to realize when it's time to be an RA and be responsible.

Describe the training that you had to complete in order to get where you are today. It starts off with a week in the summer, and there's a lot of diversity and talk about how to be a good role model and leader. That was a lot of fun. You learn a lot of good techniques that will help you later in life. It gets a little repetitive and sometimes you get a little sick of it, but you have to go through it and need to know it.

Student finds rewards as an intern

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different ways.

"One of the truly unique aspects of the picture is how it compares to nature of human life," Graver said. "Using high definition video, we were able to capture some amazing nature shots and juxtapose them with personalities in the movie."

Graver stressed how big of an accomplishment winning the award in Hollywood was for Mantis and Moon.

"The award is a huge deal because it puts Mantis and Moon on the map for quality independent motion pictures,"

he said. "We now have recognition and are encouraged to put even more effort into the next project."

Cap Averill II is also very pleased with the amount of success that Mantis and Moon has already received, despite its short history and smaller budgets.

"We operate on the premise that it's all about the story," Averill II said. "The basis of our whole movie company is to challenge ourselves on budgets less than \$20,000 to compete with other movie companies with bigger budgets."

Averill II also is not ruling

out the fact that with success at film festivals, the better the chance for "Out of the Shadows" to get a distribution.

"Chances for a distribution deal are good," he said. "Right now, the smartest thing to do is to keep submitting to film festivals and rack up more awards. To see a positive crowd reaction is what is really rewarding for me."

The most rewarding thing for Graver is that his hard work has landed him a position to work with Mantis and Moon and to continue to do what he loves.

His hard work has not gone unnoticed by Stephan

Hillerbrand, a video professor at the University.

"Will is one of the most talented, hard working and professional students and it's been a pleasure to be able to know him," Hillerbrand said. "I know he wants to do more directing and I think that is the perfect area for him because he truly has the ability to do it."

And as for Graver's future, that is exactly what he wants to do.

"It is my ultimate goal, as is with many film buffs, to one day direct my own full-length motion picture," Graver said. "Mantis and Moon may give me that opportunity sooner than later."

MySpace not just for friends anymore

By Nancy Pettito
U-WIRE

MySpace isn't just used to waste time while pretending to study or seeing who can claim the most "friends."

The Web site's latest trend is all about music.

At MySpace, bands and musicians can set up Web pages for fans to listen to their music and learn what the band is all about.

For one band in particular, MySpace is the reason they exist today.

The Summer Obsession is on the recently released MySpace Records compilation CD. The founding members of the group put a couple self-recorded tracks on its MySpace site hoping to draw in listeners.

"The first thing we did when we started the band was to make a MySpace account," vocalist and bass player Lucien

Walker said.

"We knew that MySpace would be big and wanted to become a part of that." But in the beginning, Walker had no idea how big it would become.

After starting the band's account, Walker noticed Tom automatically pop up as a friend.

Tom is the "go-to guy" for any questions regarding MySpace. Walker really wanted to meet with Tom, hoping to help out the band.

"We heard about a MySpace party in Miami, about six hours away from where we are, and we immediately wanted to go and talk to him," he said. "We were basically stalking Tom."

Once the band made it to the party, they met Tom and hit it off. They gave him a CD and from there, The Summer Obsession's success took off.

The band later got signed to

Virgin Records and MySpace has been helping them along the way.

"MySpace really helped us gain a fan base without virtually any touring," Walker said. "It basically launched our career."

Matt Jordan, sophomore journalism major at the University of Kentucky, got involved in MySpace to find out about new bands.

"I was looking for alternatives to the lame bands who were getting airplay at the time and MySpace definitely helped me out," Jordan said.

Jordan uses the site to keep tabs on his favorite bands, but also to discover new bands. Once you are a friend with a band, you can receive updates to be informed about the group.

Jordan currently has a blog called "You Ain't No Picasso" that he updates on a regu-

lar basis with new bands he has discovered.

"Lots of times, a band looking to be featured on my blog will email me with a little information, but instead of attaching an MP3, they'll just link me to their MySpace account," he said.

"But with any Web site, sometimes you have to do a little digging through MySpace to find really good bands."

MySpace enables users to search by genre, location, band member, influences or sound.

Proven by The Summer Obsession's experiences, MySpace is a great way to jump-start a career in the music industry. But MySpace also has a community feel to it.

"Part of what makes MySpace so influential is the community aspect of it," Jordan said. "Fans really feel like they're close to the band and I think that helps build a strong fan base."

'Hostel' entices audience with gore, death

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have prepared him for a career in film, Roth said he couldn't have directed the film without the help of his crew. Getting the picture of what was in his head onto a film projector was harder than some people think.

"When you're making a movie, it's a black canvas and you have the idea of the movie in your head—you're the only one who's seen the movie, so it's good to have people around you that you trust," Roth said of his crew. "I just had great people around me that I could turn to for advice."

In the near future, Roth will be working on directing projects, including a teen comedy titled "Scavenger Hunt" and a psychological thriller, "The Box."

Now that production and work for "Hostel" is over, Roth is sitting back and enjoying his hard work. When he's not getting enjoyment

behind the scenes calling the shots, he gets his fulfillment in another way.

"The best part is seeing ["Hostel"] with an audience and seeing people pass out and vomit," Roth said with a laugh. "Seeing people applaud and pass out is by far the best part."

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Matsumoto gets underage charge

Falcon hockey player Jonathan Matsumoto was placed in a diversion program after being charged with underage alcohol consumption and stealing a bicycle.

Matsumoto, 19, will complete community service, attend an alcohol education program and pay a \$250 program fee.

Czisny has hopes for Olympics



JESSICA AMELING

Asst. Sport Editor

It's a big weekend for BGSU athletes across the board.

The men's basketball team plays Toledo on Sunday, while the women will travel to Kent for a rematch of last year's Mid-American Conference Championship. Both the track and gymnastics teams begin their seasons tomorrow, while the hockey team will try to keep rolling with its recent success.

And sophomore Alissa Czisny is competing at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships for the chance to go the Olympics.

Yes, the Olympics. Five rings, gold medals and all.

Yesterday in St. Louis 18-year-old Czisny competed in the short program, and tomorrow she will perform her long program which airs on ABC at 8 p.m. The winner gets an automatic bid to Turin, Italy, while the other two spots on the Olympic team will be determined by the U.S. Figure Skating International Committee.

"That's my goal," Czisny said of making the Olympic team. "Obviously it's going to be hard to get there because there's a lot of good U.S. skaters at nationals. It's that third spot that everybody's fighting for."

But now that Michelle Kwan pulled out of the Nationals due to a pulled groin muscle, Czisny's chances of making the team may be up. It all depends on how generous the selection committee is toward Kwan, the most accomplished figure skater in U.S. history.

Until now the highest Czisny has placed at Nationals was seventh, but after a break-out year the expectations are sky-high for the Bowling Green native. She has been declared a favorite, along with Sasha Cohen and Emily Hughes, to make the Olympic team.

While Czisny has won some big international competitions, like Skate Canada, she had more trouble at the recent Grand Prix finals where she placed sixth out of six.

But she did have an excuse, and a good one at that. The blade on her left skate wasn't aligned correctly, causing disastrous landings on her jumps.

Armed with a new skate and high hopes, Czisny will skate her free program Saturday. If she wins she can pack her bags for Turin. The International Studies major might even be able to get away with calling her travels a field trip.

If not, she can cross her fingers and hope the selection committee is on her side. Either way, this Falcon has made it big time.

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Brandon Heiss BG News

RECORD UP, OSU DOWN: James Unger goes for a loose puck in front of the Ohio State goalie on Oct. 20. Despite an earlier loss to the Buckeyes, the Falcons were victorious last weekend and bumped their record to 10-11-1. Tonight they take on Western Michigan.

Falcons' emotions soar Hockey team wins six straight games

By Kevin Shields
REPORTER

The Falcon hockey team is on an emotional high.

For the first time in six years they are fresh off a sweep of their intra-state rivals from Columbus. With Saturday's 2-0 win over Ohio State, BGSU (10-11-1) took the season series from their cluster-mates 2-1-1 as BGSU coach Scott Paluch garnered his first two wins over the Buckeyes after losing all the teams' meetings in his first three seasons.

BG is also on its longest win streak in over a decade as they've won six straight games to move up to sixth place in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, (6-8-1) after a shaky start to the season which saw them at 4-11-

1 going into the streak.

Tonight the Falcons welcome to town the Western Michigan Broncos, (4-13-3) who are currently at the bottom of the league at 4-8-2, for the first game of a home-and-home series that will conclude tomorrow night in Kalamazoo, Mich. The Falcons will then welcome in nationally ranked Ferris State on Monday night for the make-up game of the famous incident that took place back in October involving a leak of pink goo on the ice. Face-offs are scheduled for 7:05 p.m. for the home dates and 7:35 p.m. Saturday at WMU.

Though Western may not be the same caliber of team as OSU was, the Falcons know they can't slack off after finally making

their efforts pay off.

"They're definitely not going to be a push-over by any means," senior captain Don Morrison said of the Broncos. "Earlier in the season they swept Ohio State as well, which is pretty impressive. We got to come ready to play both Friday and Saturday."

Morrison and the rest of his teammates on the defensive core have come ready to play over the course of their win streak. After struggling for much of the season, allowing odd-man rushes or making costly turnovers, the defensive core has stepped up their play in helping the Falcons go from a league-worst goals against average to holding their opponents to 1.7 goals in the past six games.

"This is as good of a stretch as our defense has played all year," Paluch said. "We're playing safe and playing smart and as a group they've been very effective."

With the defense stepping up, the duties in net have become easier for Jon Horrell, who started each of the six games and recorded two shutouts with a save percentage of .954 and goals against average of 1.52.

"He's played very well," Paluch said of Horrell. "It's a pretty special streak he is on right now and it's just one of those things, where when baseball players get hot they're seeing the ball well and I think it's much the same

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GYMNASTICS

Mature Falcons bound to succeed

Falcon gymnasts expect success at All-Ohio meet

By Colin Wilson
REPORTER

The Falcon Gymnastics team hopes to get their 2006 campaign off to a promising start this Saturday in Columbus at the All-Ohio Championship where they will take on both Ohio State University and Kent State University.

Coach Dan Connelly is enthusiastic about the team's potential this year because of the depth and experience they have. The team returns 16 of last year's letter winners, and has three strong seniors including the 2004-2005 Falcon Gymnastics MVP Jessica Guyer.

Guyer will be competing on Beam, Floor and Vault this season. Joining her on the beam will be fellow senior and co-captain Jessica Bradley, juniors Bethany Kenel and Jillian Stranges.

For vault the Falcons will field juniors Erin Coudriet, Allison Swafford, Jillian Stranges and Karly Yohe to go along with Guyer. On the floor will be Guyer, Coudriet, Kenel, Swafford, Stranges and Yohe. Lastly on bars senior Jessica Bradley and junior Karly Yohe will compete.

Competing in all around events will be senior Marie-Eve Boisvert, juniors Jessica McArthur



Mike Metzger BG News

SENIOR BEAMS IN SPOTLIGHT: Jessica Guyer competes on the beam last season. She is the returning team MVP for the Falcons.

and Sakura Tomita, sophomores Jacquelyn Bernhardt, Candice Deacon, Jessica Ewart, Jholeen Ponce, Marissa Sanholtz, Jayme Stambaugh and freshmen Katie Follett, Kakisha Gatling and Jenna

Wirtanen. The large amount of upper-classmen should be an advantage for the Falcons this season.

"We have a lot of great, strong juniors and seniors this year and

"This will be a good chance for us to test the waters. We'll be able to see what things our squad can do well and what we need to improve on."

DAN CONNELLY, COACH

I feel like that is going to help us a lot," Connelly said.

Based on what he saw at the ladies' intra-squad meet, Connelly feels that the team's strongest event is the vault. The team hopes to excel in that event as well as the others.

The All-Ohio meet is normally not the first event of the year, so the team will use it to see what they can do against other squads.

"This will be a good chance for us to test the waters," Connelly said. "We'll be able to see what things our squad can do well and what we need to improve on."

The only team of the three which has competed so far this season is Ohio State. The Buckeyes beat Ball State by a score of 188.750-184.675 on Saturday. Led by senior co-captains Jessica Guyer and Jessica Bradley, the Falcons look to take the All-Ohio meet for the first time since their 2001-02 season.

The All-Ohio Championship

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Bush leaves higher ed for higher level of sport

USC's Heisman winner announces his entrance in draft

By Ken Peters
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Reggie Bush is skipping his senior season at Southern California to enter the NFL draft.

The Heisman Trophy winner made the expected announcement yesterday, a day after running mate LenDale White made his decision to leave early and turn pro.

Bush is expected to be one of the first players taken in the draft — with many projecting him going to the Houston Texans with the No. 1 pick.

The electrifying running back had 1,740 yards rushing and 2,890 all-purpose yards this season for the Trojans, who fell short of an unprecedented third national title when they lost 41-38 to Texas in the Rose Bowl last week.

"It's a happy day. I don't think it's a sad time," Bush said

at a campus news conference. "It was tough. ... You want to please everybody. You want to return for your senior season."

Trojans coach Pete Carroll said Bush made the right decision.

"He's such a special player, a once-in-a-lifetime talent. He's a game-changer, with his speed, instincts, vision and competitiveness. He's just so much fun to watch," Carroll said in a statement.

"He'll take that talent to the NFL and wow them there as a runner, receiver and as a returner. Now the Reggie Bush Show goes to Sundays, and I can't wait to watch him."

Carroll couldn't be at the news conference because he was in Northern California to attend the funeral of the father of USC linebacker Rey Mauluga. Talatolu Mauluga died after a long illness.

Wherever Bush winds up in the draft, he'll become a rich man.

Asked about the probability of becoming a multimillionaire, Bush laughed and said, "It hasn't sunk in yet. I don't think it will until I get that first check."

Bush, who turns 21 in March, has flashed such blinding speed, great moves and an uncanny ability to change direction that he's been compared to such greats as Gale Sayers, Barry Sanders, Tony Dorsett and Marshall Faulk.

Bush, a 6-foot, 200-pounder from Spring Valley, Calif., averaged an amazing 8.7 yards per carry. He also caught 37 passes for 478 yards and led the nation in all-purpose yards with 222.3 per game.

How will all that translate to the NFL?

"There are all those questions: Are you big enough, strong enough, fast enough, tough enough?" Bush said. "I'll have to position myself to have an impact right away, and that will take a lot of hard work."

"I'll be excited to show any critics that I can be an every-down back."

Bush was a runaway winner of the Heisman, with Texas quarterback Vince Young far back in second place. Matt

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Cleveland welcomes Perez

First baseman signs \$1.7 million contract

By Joe Millicia
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND - Eduardo Perez signed a one-year deal Thursday with the Cleveland Indians, who will use him in a platoon situation at first base after failing to sign a premiere right-handed bat.

Perez's contract is for \$1.7 million with a club option for 2007 that includes a \$125,000 buyout.

He will share time with Ben Broussard at first and also could play in the outfield, Indians general manager Mark Shapiro said. He's likely to get about 350 at-bats.



EDUARDO PEREZ

The Indians went into the offseason looking to upgrade their right-handed power. Perez is a fallback plan after free agents they pursued — Nomar Garciaparra, Brian Giles and Eric Byrnes — signed elsewhere.

"I would have preferred to sign another impact bat to add to this team somewhere," Shapiro said. "Sometimes we're forced to be creative in the way we look at things."

Perez, son of Hall of Famer Tony Perez, batted .255 with 11 homers and 28 RBIs last season for the Devil Rays. In his career against left-handers, the 36-year-old Perez has batted .263 with 47

homers and 168 RBIs.

He said he was impressed with the Indians last season and understands his role is to help out against left-handed pitching.

"I'm just happy they consider me as a piece of the puzzle," Perez said.

Perez had his best season in 1997 for Cincinnati, when he batted .253 with 16 homers and 52 RBIs. A first-round pick by the California Angels in 1991, Perez also has played for St. Louis.

The Indians probably won't make any other moves before spring training, Shapiro said.

"We're very comfortable going into spring training with the club we've got right now," he said.

Cleveland's biggest moves in free agency were signing pitch-

ers Paul Byrd and Jason Johnson and re-signing closer Bob Wickman. They also signed free agent contracts with outfielder Todd Hollandsworth, infielder Lou Merloni, catcher Einar Diaz and pitchers Steve Karsay and Danny Graves.

"We've done what we had to do, but we didn't necessarily make some of the improvements that I wanted to make," Shapiro said.

The Indians designated left-hander Brian Tallet for assignment to make room for Perez. They have 10 days to trade, release or outright Tallet to the minors.

Tallet spent most of last season at Triple-A Buffalo and made two appearances for the Indians. The 28-year-old had reconstructive

Falcons take on skilled Bulldogs

HOCKEY, FROM PAGE 10

way with Jon."

On the other end of the ice, the Falcons have also stepped up their goal production, as they've averaged 4.5 goals a game during the win span. That included a nine-goal effort against Connecticut in their championship game win (9-2) over the host team in the Toyota UConn Classic.

Alex Foster currently leads the nation in assists with 29 and ranks third in points with 36. His line-mate Jonathan Matsumoto

will be returning to the lineup this week after serving his suspension for violating team rules.

This weekend they'll have the challenge of out-scoring preseason second team All-CCHA selection, Brent Walton and his Bronco teammates who have been known to put big offensive outputs despite their 2.10 goals a game average.

"When they get it offensively, they're a pretty dynamic team," Paluch said. "They bring some guys who are as skilled as any one-two punch in the league,

so they're dangerous in that regard."

Ferris State (9-6-5) is another dangerous team that will enter the ice arena this weekend. The Bulldogs are currently ranked 19th nationally and are fresh off a big 3-2 win over two-time defending national champion Denver.

"They don't stop," Paluch said. "They work hard for the entire game. With [Matt] Stefanishon, [Dan] Riedel, and [Mark] Bomersback, they have talented players and just a great work ethic throughout their entire team."

Falcons hope to win All-Ohio no.3

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Bush joins NFL draft

BUSH, FROM PAGE 10

Leinart, Bush's teammate the past three years and the 2004 Heisman winner, was third. Those players figure to go 1-2-3 in the NFL draft on April 29.

The Texans, though, already have a young quarterback in David Carr so they could opt for Bush and pass on Young, who is from Houston. The Texans have three and a half months to make a decision.

Had Bush stayed in school, he would have had a chance to join Ohio State running back Archie Griffin as the only two-time

Heisman winners. Griffin won the award in 1974-75.

After winning his Heisman, Leinart decided to return to USC for his senior year although he surely would have been among the top players picked in last April's draft.

As a quarterback, Leinart was in a different boat than Bush, since running backs are such a target, with even the best at risk every time they carry the ball. On average, running backs have far shorter pro careers than quarterbacks.

Bush came to USC as one of the most recruited prep players in the country.

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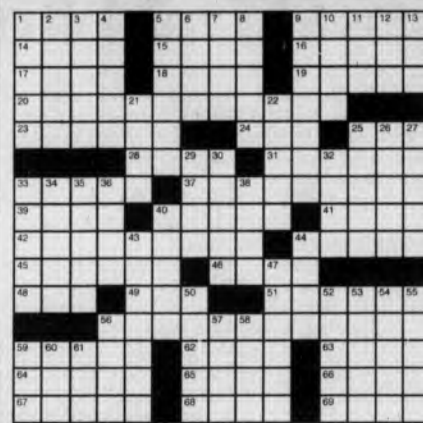
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